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MEETING WITH PRESIDENT THIEU, JANUARY 13, 1973

1. Dr. Kissinger has informed me that he gave a copy of the text of the draft agreement as it now stands to the South Vietnamese delegation last night in Paris (Dr. Tran Van Do, Ambassadors Diem, Bac, and Lam and Mr. Phong). I understand that work is continuing on the Protocols. Dr. Kissinger hopes to be able to settle the basic issues in the protocol in his meeting today. We consider that work has been completed on the draft agreement and do not believe that further changes are possible.

2. The DRV has shown a more constructive and reasonable attitude during the talks held this past week and in view of the progress that has been made, the President has asked General Haig to come to Saigon again to report on the status of the negotiations. We believe that we now have reached a point where we are in a position to conclude the agreement and, of course, we expect to move along together.

3. General Haig would plan to arrive in Saigon Tuesday morning, January 16.

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